

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)**

**Date: 21 December 2017**

**Subject: Best Council Plan Refresh for 2018/19-2020/21 – Initial Proposals**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. On 13 December 2017 the Executive Board considered an approach for refreshing the Best Council Plan for 2018/19 – 2020/21. The Executive Board report is appended which fully details the initial proposals.
2. For such Budget and Policy Framework matters, the Council's constitution sets out a process which includes referral to appropriate Scrutiny Boards in order to consider and comment on any initial proposals. The attached proposals are therefore submitted to Scrutiny Board for consideration and review.
3. While the appended Best Council Plan initial proposal provides a full overview of the council's priorities and ambitions to provide context, the focus of Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) should relate to its specific terms of reference. Each of the Council's Scrutiny Boards will consider the proposals and have the opportunity to comment on matters within each Scrutiny Board's terms of reference.
4. Any comments or recommendations identified by the Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) will need to be submitted to the Director of Resources and Housing by the end of January 2018, in order that the Executive Board can consider these at its meeting in February 2018; and prior to submission of the proposals to full Council on 21 February 2018.

5. In line with the approach to the initial budget proposals for 2018/19, it is intended to produce a summary of the discussion and comments from all Scrutiny Boards in order to make a single submission to Executive Board.
6. Relevant Executive Members and Directors (or their nominees) have been invited to the meeting to contribute to the discussion and address any questions raised by the Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources).

### **Recommendations**

7. The Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) is recommended to:
  - a) Consider the appended Executive Board report and the initial proposals for the Best Council Plan for 2018/19 – 2020/21; and,
  - b) Provide input to help shape the emerging Best Council Plan for 2018/19 – 2020/21, making any recommendations for consideration by Executive Board as deemed appropriate.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

8. None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.